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OLIVE PICKING GETS UNDERWAY NEXT WEEK HERE

Olive picking in this district will get under way next week, when the Southern Tulare Olive Marketing association at Terra Bella, the A. Adams Jr. and sons at Porterville and the Brown and Dole plant at Strathmore start receiving the 1947 crop.

Manzinellas will be the principal variety handled at this time although the Southern Tulare Olive Marketing association also expects to receive some Ascolanos. Louie Padula's Golden Eagle oil manufacturing plant at Porterville will not begin operation until December or January.

As the season gets started, processors state that there is considerable carry-over from last year. Crop estimate for the current year is 60 per cent of normal, with principal shortage being in Manzinellas. Sizes this year are good.

From the growers' standpoint buying this season has been considerably less brisk than last year. Consensus of opinion is that prices to growers will run in the vicinity of 50 per cent of those paid last year, when prices reached an extremely high level.

At the Southern Tulare Olive Marketing association plant, construction work on a warehouse extension in being completed on the association building west of highway 65.

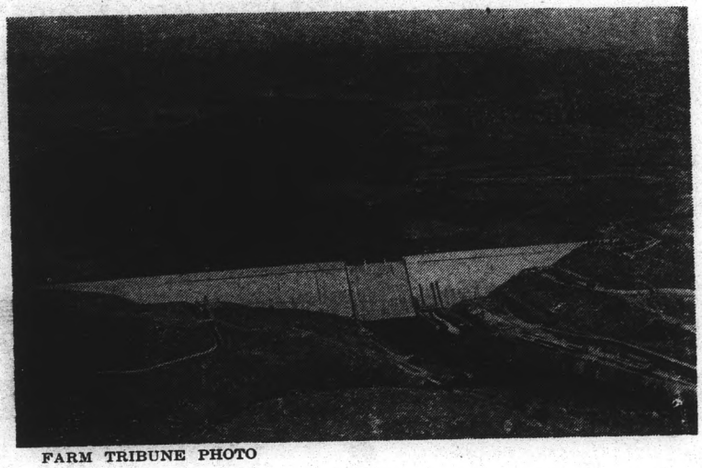
Poultry Culling Demonstration Here Sept. 23

A demonstration of poultry flock culling will be conducted next Tuesday, September 23, at 1:30 P. M. at the L. N. Carpenter place 1431 west Putnam, with W. F. Rooney, assistant Tulare county farm advisor, in charge.

The demonstration will show the method by which poor layers can be culled from a flock and the better layers segregated. A similar meeting will be held at the Oscar Carlson place, corner of Ash and Palm in the Lindsay area on Wednesday, September 24 at 1:30 P. M.

Rising efficiency of cotton production in foreign countries offers a threat to the United States cotton industry, according to E. D. White, assistant to the secretary of agriculture.

FRIANT DAM—20 MILLION DOLLAR WATER SOURCE FOR VALLEY FARMS



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Facts and Figures . . .

Friant dam is located northeast of Fresno on the San Joaquin river.

It is the source for irrigation water that will be brought to this district by the Friant-Kern canal.

It is 320 feet high; approximately 4,000 feet wide.

Behind it is storage for 390,000 acre feet of water.

At present, only spillway gates are needed to complete the dam.

The Madera canal leaves the dam on the west side; the Friant Kern canal on the east.

Actual construction work on the Friant-Kern canal has reached a point south of Woodlake; pouring of concrete has been completed on sections of this canal.

It is probable that water from Friant will reach this area in 1950 or 1951.

Controversial questions concerning the Central Valley projcet: The 160 acre limitation; the present contract clause that allows no water right to accrue to land using Central Valley water; the present arrangement whereby water distribution systems within irrigation districts are never owned or controlled by the district.

And about CVP construction funds: No shortage now; in fact funds for the Central Valley project have been appropriated faster than contracts have been let for their expenditure.

Local 4-H Members & Future Farmers Put Stock Up For Auction Tomorrow

Future Farmers and 4-H club members from this area will climax their year's project work when they put their prize-winning cattle and hogs up for auction at the fat stock sale which will be held tomorrow morning (Saturday) begining at 9 o'clock at the Tulare-Kings county fair grounds in Tulare.

Offered at the sale will be prize winners from the junior division of the Tulare Kings County fair, which will end its six-day run Sunday evening. The sale, started in past years, is being pushed this year in an effort to interest commercial buyers and individuals in the top-grade stock that will be offered.

A number of 4-H and Future

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COTTON GINS START SEASON AT WOODVILLE

The Tule River Cooperative Gin Inc. and the San Joaquin Cotton Oil company at Woodville this week started operations as both organizations ginned their first bales of the season. The Woodville Gin Inc. expects to start ginning the first of next week.

A number of growers in the Woodville area picked during the past week and considerable cotton will be picked next week. Peak of the season is expected to be reached around the middle of October and early November.

Early indications of a heavy crop are being born out and good production from the entire local area is expected. More than 100,000 acres of cotton are under cultivation in Tulare county and the San Joaquin valley has 560,000 acres.

Growers will be interested in production from 260 acres of A4-42, a new Acala strain developed at the Shafter Agricultural Experiment station and being given its first commercial tests this season.

The entire crop has developed rapidly this year and is coming on earlier than in an average

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Moore To Head Celebration Group

Rodgers Moore, local business man and past commander of Porterville Post No. 20, American Legion, has been named general chairman of the annual Pioneer Rally and Veterans' Homecoming Celebration to be held in Porterville November 11.

Local units of the American Legion, Veteran of Foreign Wars and American Veterans Committee will again cooperate in staging the celebration, which will feature a homecoming for pioneer residents, football games, a parade and other entertainment.

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Hospitial Election Date Set For October 14

Date of an election, to decide whether or not the Sierra View hospital district will be formed, has been set as October 14 by the Tulare County board of Supervisors.

Boundaries of the district, as established after two supervisorial hearings on the question coincide with boundaries of the Porterville Union High School distirct and the Strathmore High Sshooldistrict, less the Sunnyside and Prarie Center areas.

In event the October 14 election favors the district, a five-man board of directors will be appointed by the supervisors. Three of these will be replaced at the first subsequent governor's election by general ballot and after that time directors will be elected for terms of four years.

No plans concerning location of the hospital, size or policies have been made, these problems, and others concerning administration and construction, to be placed in the hands of the directors if the district is formed.

COUNTY GRAPE SHIPMENTS SLOW

Grape shipments from Tulare county were slow in August as the result of market conditions, according to Oscar Hemphill, county agricultural commissioner.

Hemphill states that a considerable volume of Thompson seedless grapes are being dried for raisins this year.

ORANGE SEASON LABOR SHORTAGE PREDICTED

A shortage of orange pickers for the 1947 navel season was predicted by John J. McElroy, state supervisor of the Farm Placement service at a meeting of service heads from 17 counties held last week in Bakersfield.

McElroy stated that about 520,000 farm workers are now employed in California and that about 16,000 are now on unemployed rolls.

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160 Acre Limitation Hearings Slated

Hearings on the 160 acre limitation clause of Central Valley project, will be held in Fresno on September 27, beginning at 9 o'clock in the morning and at Bakersfield September 29, also at 9 A. M., by a 13-man public lands subcommittee from the house of representatives.

Hearings will be held at several other points in the state during the next week. The committee is said to be particularly interested in gathering information concerning the 160 acre limitation since the question of whether or not the Central Vailey Project will be exempted from this clause may come up in the next session of congress.

Farm Bureau To Name Officers

Prairie Center Farm Bureau will elect officers at a regular meeting of the organization to be held the second Friday in October, with members of a nominating committee appointed at a meeting of the organization held last Friday evening at the Sunnyside school.

Serving on the nominationg committee are: Oliver Rogers, Stanley Hefner, Paul Fairley, A. J. Short and A. L. Jensen. Presiding at the recent meeting was Orion Collins, president.

Speakers at last week's meeting were Ray Miksch, of Ivanhoe, who discussed commodity committee representation and Bill Snyder, of southern California, who told of the Farm Bureau health insurance plan.

Fourteen commodity committee members were appointed and Jimmie Fuller, president of the Prarie Center 4-H club, told of 4-H activity, and thanked the organization for a donation of $45.

CERTIFICATION NEEDED FOR POTATO LOANS

A producer, in order to obtain a 1947 federal loan on his potatoes, must be certified for eligibility by his county agricultural conservation committee and must have remained within his acerage goal, according to recent announcements from the United States department of agriculture.

Loan rates to producers or dealers on potatoes suitable for storage will be about 75 per cent of the September support price, making U. S. No. 1s range from $1.05 to $1.50 per hundred pounds.

FREIGHT RATE INCREASE PROTESTED

A strong protest against a 10 per cent interim increase in freight rates, sought by railroads at hearings this week before the Interstate Commerce Commission in Washington, has been filed by the Kern County Potato Growers association in the interest of Kern and Tulare couty farmers.

The commission plans area hearings throughout the country in the near future, one of which will be held on the west coast. The railroads are seeking an increase of about 13 cents per hundred on perishable fruits and vegetables and a 25 per cent increase in refrigeration charges.

EXTENSION SERVICE BUSY DURING YEAR

Representatives of the Tulare county branch of the Agricultural Extension service, made 4,321 farm calls during the year 1946 and conducted 578 meetings. Some 4,783 calls were received at the Farm Advisor's office in Visalia.

Throughout the state, branches of the Extension service conducted 17,139, meetings attended by 538,037 farmers. Farms visited totaled 43,584 and farm visits totalled 84,358. Farmers made 129,733 office calls on the Extension service.

No one who was ever even suspected of being a Communist is at present on the California payroll, according to Governor Earl Warren.

Research on mastitis, anaplasmosis, brucellosis and keratitis in cattle is under way in the division of veterinary science, University of California, college of agriculture.

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We Only Heard

By Bill Rodgers

We attended what we considered a remarkable meeting, the other evening, at the Woodville Farm Labor Supply center, for at this meeting a group of farmers and so-called farm laborers sat down together to talk over their own common problems Back in 1930 such a meeting would not have been held - probably could not have been held, for in those days, when the federal government was building its farm labor housing units there was sharp and bitter feeling concerning the merits of such projects..... We recall that, in our capacity of a news reporter, we attended many meetings of farmer groups and of labor groups, and at no meeting do we recall either faction giving much thought to the problems of the other..... But at the Woodville camp meeting there was calm discussion, question and answer consideration of the problems at hand, and indications of an evident desire on both the part of the farmers and camp residents to establish policies that will prove satisfactory to both ..... Question involved, in its simplest form, is how operation of the camp can be continued. Farmers are interested because the camp is a source of labor during seasons when crop harvest is dependent upon labor. Camp residents are interested because the camp is their home..... Taking over the problems of administration is the Tulare County Rural Housing association, a non-profit cooperative of farmers who believe that it would be unwise, what with general housing conditions as they are to close the camp at this time..... And if the camp is kept open, it seems to us that meetings of this type, that calm and logical action, that an appreciation of the problems of all persons involved, is an encouraging development, for without doubt, this type of action offers more hope for solution of farm labor housing problems than could ever be expected from the "dog eat dog" thinking of past years.

Rodents May Cause Serous Crop Loss

Ground squirrels may cause loss in cereal crops amounting to 10 or 15 per cent of the crop, if control measures are not applied, says Ralph L. Worrell, assistant Tulare county farm advisor. Squirrels also cause great damage to range feed throughout Tulare county.

This "take" of the rodents may mean the difference in profit and loss in some cases, Worrell states.

Squirrels are only one of the many rodents that destroy crops and other property. The farm advisor says control is more than simply placing poison where it is accessible to these robbers. To be successful in eradication of rodents, the farmer should have a knowledge of the life habits of the pests as well as the methods for poisoning them.

A new circular of the University of California Agricultural Extension service, "Control of Field Rodents in California," has just come from the presses. It was prepared by Tracy I. Storer, zoologist in the Agricultural Experiment station, University of California. Farmers may have their copy free by applying to the Agricultural Extension service, P. O. Box 990, Visalia.

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Use Of Weed-Killing Oils Is Discussed And Terms Defined By University Man

BY A. S. CRAFTS.
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(Continued from a previous issue of The Farm Tribune)

The gravity or density of an oil has to do with its weight. It is expressed in degrees. A.P.I. because the gravity of oils in the United States is determined by tests set up by the American Petroleum Institute.

The gravity of an oil is found by use of an instrument called a hydrometer. This is a glass tube with degree markings on the side and a bulb at one end. The bulb floats in hte oil sample to be tested, and the depth to which it sinks, as indicated by the marks on the tube, is a measure of the gravity of the oil.

The bulb does not sink so far in heavy oils as in light ones. The degrees are marked on the tube in such a way that gravity readings of heavy oils are lower than those of light ones.

Gravity is important in choossing a weed-killing oil. Heavy oils, which fall below 38 degrees A.P.I., will kill crop plants as well as weeds. For uses as a selective herbicide on crop plants, therefore, a weed-killing oil should not fall much below 38 degrees A.P.I.

FLASH POINT

Flash point is a measure of the inflammability of an oil. One of the means for testing the flash point is the Pensky-Martens closed cup test. The oil is heated in a closed container, or cup. A slide covers a small opening in the cup. This is opened at definite intervals, and a flame is passed over the oil. The temperature at which the oil ignites is its flash point.

Highly volatile oils ignite at fairly low temperatures. All gasolines flash at ordinary temperatures—for instance 70 degrees, F.— in fact, they will flash at freezing temperature for water.. From the standpoint of safety for the operator, it is dangerous to use gasoline for weed spraying. Only less volatile fractions such as some of the thinners and solvents, are fairly safe to use.

However, the spray operator must remember that all these products are inflammable. The spray mist and surrounding air may ignite and burn with great heat.

VISCOSITY

This relates to the flowing quality of an oil. To find the viscosity, 60 cc—about 2 ounces —of oil are put into an instrument called the Saybolt Universal viscosimeter. The oil is heated to 100 degrees F. It is then timed as it runs through a small opening in the instrument.

The viscosity of an oil to be used as a spray determines somewhat the amount of pressure needed, and the size of the spray orifices. The heavier oils will not break up into drops easily, nor flow as fast as will the lighter ones.

Viscosity is also a factor in determining how much of the oil soaks into the plant surfaces. A heavy oil will stay on the plant longer than will a lighter, more volatile one. Thus it may soak in in larger amounts and be more toxic. For use as a weed spray, an oil's viscosity should be about 50 seconds or less.

TOXICITY

An oil's toxic effect on plants depends in part on how volatile it is and on the amount of unsaturated compounds it contains. Oils vary in their toxicity. Some kill all plants; some are selective, and kill only weeds, leaving certain crop plants undamaged.

Light unsaturated compounds cause a rapid burning of leaves called acute toxicity. Heavy unsaturated compounds injure the growing parts and cause a chlorosis—yellowing of leaves. This injury comes on much more slowly and is called chronic toxicity.

Very light unsaturated compounds, such as those from gasoline stock, cause burning of the leaves. Injury is not complete, however, if the spray incompletely saturates the plant, because these oils may evaporate before all tissues are killed.

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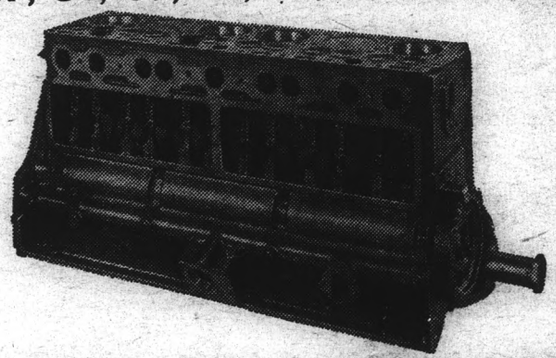

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With deer season already open, some pointers might be in order: When you go to the mountains be sure to have a fire permit; build your fires only in designated camp sites if below 7,000 feet elevation; do not leave a camp fire unattended, since this is an extremely dry year and be sure not to smoke, except in designated areas.

Handle every gun with care; assume it's loaded unless the action is "open." Do not mix alcohol and gun powder. Do not shoot at water, or other flat surfaces where your bullets might ricochet.

Don't forget your deer tag; only one buck allowed for this area. Be sure and fill out your deer tag completely and have it countersigned by the nearest Fish and Game warden, forester, justice of the peace or any peace officer.

Trout fishing season is open until October 15, same as deer season. For those packing into the back country, remember to take your fly fishing tackle along. It should be excellent fishing this time of the year.

For those planning to buy a new rifle, remember that next year it will be illegal to hunt deer with rifles of less than .25 calibre or with cartridges having less than a 100-grain bullet. The 250/3000 Savage will be legal, provided you use the 100 grain bullet. The .220 Swift will not be legal next year, neither will the .219 Zipper, or any other center-fire .22 cartridge.

If you plan to have a scope sight on your new rifle, be sure and have it mounted low where it will line up readily with your eye. If you plan to hunt in stormy weather, then, perhaps, one of the "quick detachable" mounts is in order-one that will enable you to replace the scope without changing the point of impact of the bullet. There are several mounts of this type to choose from.

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To add to the looks and taste of mashed potatoes, put in a well beaten egg white.

Speed in the baking of potatoes can be obtained by first boiling the potatoes for about 10 minutes in salt water, then placing them in the oven for baking.

For eggs with very thin shells or for chipped eggs that are apt to break while being boiled, add a few drops of vinegar to the water in which the eggs are to be boiled.

An open saucepan of vinegar on the stove will help rid the house of cooking odors.

Washington sources state that one fourth of the nation's farm land is threatened with serious erosion damage.

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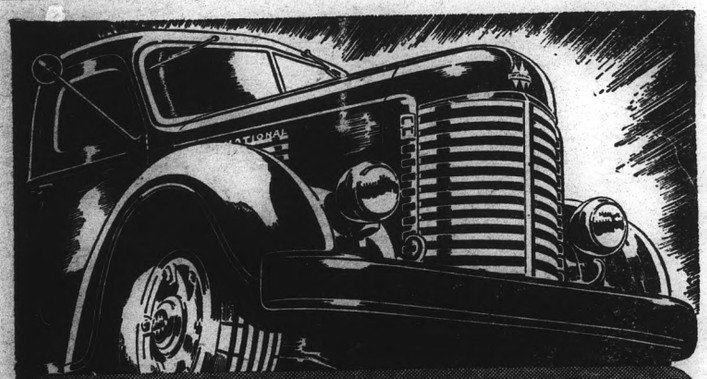

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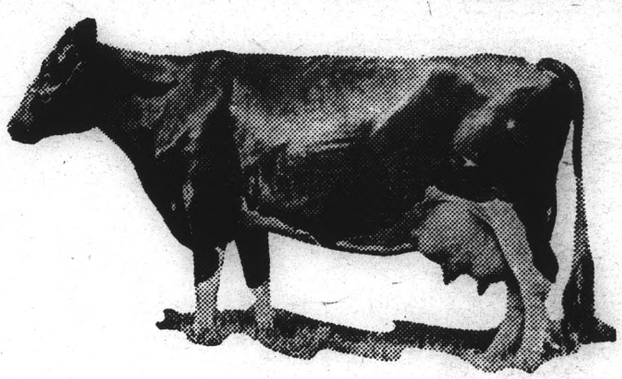

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For The Ladies - - -

Coffee Cake Is Breakfast Treat

For that Sunday morning when breakfast isn't such a rush and tear, have a good homemade coffee cake to go with that last cup of coffee.

Here are two that are delicious. Neither require previous preparation and are made in a short time.

STRUSEL COFFEE CAKE

Sugar Mixture
½ cup brown sugar
2tbs. flour
2 tsp. cinnamon
2 tbs. melted butter
½ cup chopped nuts
BATTER
1½ cups flour
3 tsps B pwd.
¼ tsp. salt
1tsp. vanilla
¾ cup sugar
¼ cup shortening
1 egg
½ cup milk

Sift dry ingredients. Cut in shortening. Blend in egg mixed with milk. Add vanilla. Pour half of batter in a greased 8x8 pan. Sprinkle with half of the sugar mixture. Add rest of batter and cover with remaining sugar mixture. Bake 25 to 30 minutes at 350.

Thinly sliced apples may be spread on top of batter before adding the last of the sugar.

BISHOP'S BREAD

½ cup sugar
1 cup flour
½ tsp. cinn.
½ tsp. nutmeg
½ tsp. salt
3 tsp. B. powder
½ cup milk
1 egg
½ cup chopped nuts
4 tsp. melted butter

Sift dry ingredients. Add milk and beaten egg. Add butter and nuts. Pour into a greased 8x8 pan Sprinkle with 1tbs. sugar and ¼ tsp. cinnamon. Bake 30 minutes at 400.

Tulare county's outstanding booth at the California State fair has led to invitation for the county to place a booth in the San Bernardino Orange show and the Pomona Fair next year.

"Control of Field Rodents in California," by Tracy I. Storer, Extension Circular 138, August, 1947, is available through the University of California college of agriculture.

Leaflet Tells Of Home Pickling Process For Olives

If you have olives available, you may want to pickle enough for the family requirements at home, and, according to Clara E. Cowgill, home demonstration agent, this is not difficult and does not require expensive equipment.

You can successfully process the ripe olives or the green ones. Both processes are explained step by step in a leaflet of the agricultural Experiment station, University of California, prepared especially for those who wish to process olives at home. The authors are W. V. Cruess and Reese H. Vaughn, University of California food technologists.

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Washington sources indicate that there is a steadily increasing effort to induce President Truman to name Congressman Alfred J. Elliott to the 10th California district to the office of Secretary of the Interior to replace the incumbent, Secretary Juluis Krug

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Appointed superintendent of livestock for the 1947 Grand National Livestock exposition, Horse show and rodeo, which opens in the San Francisco Cow palace November 1, is Alex M. Wilson of Pomona, nationally-known livestock showman.

California farmers are now using more commercial fertilizer than at any time in past years.

Organic Matter, Nitrogen Comes From Cover Crop

BY A. D. RIZZI
Assistant Farm Advisor
Tulare County

Cover crops are one of the most economical means of increasing the organic matter in orchard soils. Organic matter from cover crops is a source of nitrogen that will be released in the soil over a long period. It is also a major factor for maintaining good tilth in the soil, sometimes called good soil structurse.

With continuous cultivation in orchards, organic matter tends to disappear. It may be replaced by bringing in manure or bean straw. In the case of cover crops, the organic matter is grown in place. This is usally cheaper and more practical than purchasing manure and transporting it to the orchard.

A better penetration of water results in many soils after a few years of cover cropping. More economical use of the water and a better supply to the roots will result.

On hillside plantings, cover crops help prevent erosion. Quick rooting types should be used.

Legumes are used generally for cover crops in orchards. Melilotus indica, cowpeas, Canadian field peas, and purple vetch. Suggested circular for fruit growers interested in cover crops is a publication of the Agricultural Experiment station, University of California, called "Fertilizers and Cover Crops for California Deciduous Orchards." You may get your copy free at the Agricultural Extension Service, Post Office Bldg., Visalia.

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Poplar C of C Pushes Water Plan

Plans for a water system for Poplar are being pushed by the chamber of commerce committee in charge of this activity, it was reported this week by Gerald Lamb, Poplar chamber president, with Waldo Burford, Porterville attorney, having been secured to handle legal matters pertaining to the project.

A membership drive will be opened by the chamber, Lamb states, at the next regular meeting of the organization, to be held the evening of September 26 in the Poplar Grange hall.

William Borror Heads 4-H Group

William Borror was elected president of the Springville 4-H club at a recent meeting of the organization.

Other officers include: Kenley Mays, vice president; Barbara Pixley, secretary and Ann Pennington, reporter.

One acre produced 712.9 sacks of potatoes for R. C. Zuckerman at his Mandeville Island ranch near Stockton, to set what is believed to be a world record. Fourteen hundred pounds of fertilizers were used and the growing period was 147 days.

Six soldiers and a Mexican veterinarian, working in the control of hoof and mouth disease in Mexico, were ambushed and killed last week in Mexico, with the act believed to have been committed by Mexican cattle raisers.

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Minerals Important In Swine Feeds

Feeding of calcium, phosporus, and salt is especially necessary with hogs because most hog rations are lacking in these minerals. They help to raise resistance against disease and build body tissues, according to Robert H. Anderson, assistant Tulare county farm advisor.

Lack of calcium or phosphorus in the diet of growing pigs may result in rickets, according to Dr. Kenneth G. McKay, specialist in veterinary science of the Agricultural Extension service. The pigs may go into a paralytic condition and sows which are nursing large litters may become paralyzed.

Corn and cereal grains are low in calcium while alfalfa, tankage, and milk are comparatively high in calcium content. Feeding ground limestone is a good way to supply calcium.

Phorphorus is necessary for the assimilation of calcium in the body tissues. Protein feeds are high in phosphorus, but these are not always available, while phosphorus may be supplied by feeding a mineral mixture containing steamed bonemeal.

Hogs should receive all the salt which they want to eat, but Dr. McKay cautions they may eat too much at first if they have not had salt for a time. He recommends this mixture: Ground limestone, 100 pounds; steamed bonemeal, 100 pounds; and salt 50 pounds.

Advisor Recommends Cholera Vaccination

Early fall is the hazardous time of the year for hog cholera, says Assistant Farm Advisor Robert H. Anderson. He suggests all livestock men keep a close watch on their swine droves and have all pigs vaccinated early.

Vaccination, says the assistant farm advisor, along with sound sanitation practices and proper feeding, are the best safeguards for a sure pig crop.

Infection can be spread by a hog coming down with cholera even before pronounced symptoms appear, he says, and hog raisers should keep a close watch for signs of fever, loss of appetite, or weakness.

If the hogs appear to be ill, suspect cholera first and have a diagnosis made at once.

In the meantime, it is wise to have the pigs vaccinated immediately, to be safe. If cholera breaks out in the neighborhood, quarantine any new livestock brought onto the farm for at least two weeks. If it occurs on your own farm, notify the neighbors so they can take steps for protection of their hogs.

Now Is Time To Plant Barley For Winter Pasture

Dairymen and other livestock producers who plan to plant barley for winter pasture are reminded by Ralph L. Worrell, assistant Tulare county farm advisor, that the barley should be planted early for best production.

September is generally considered the best month for planting. Even during years of cold winter weather early planted barley produces considerable feed, while barley planted during the late fall may make little or no forage until warm spring weather arrives.

A practice which is rapidly becoming popular in Tulare county is the seeding of barley in alfalfa fields and permanent pactures during early September. The barley, seeded at the rate of about 100 pounds per acre, is broadcast and then harrowed in, right after the alfalfa has been mowed or the pasture grazed.

Vaughn is generally considered the best barley variety for winter pasture, Worrell said. However, other varieties such as Atlas and Club Mariout also do well.

Gross income of farmers of the nation for the first eight months of 1947 has been computed by the federal bureau of agricultural economics, as $17,400,000,000 a 21 per cent gain over the same period last year.

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Cover Crop Is Planted From Air In Cotton Fields

Legume cover crops have been planted extensively from airplanes in cotton fields throughout the "West Side" farming district of the San Joaquin valley.

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LOCAL OFFICE TO TAKE OVER PLACEMENT JOB

Job of farm labor placement will be taken over by the local office of the California State Employment service, located at 200 East Putnam in Porterville, on January 1, 1948

Porterville's office of the Farm Labor Placement service was closed last month and at present farm labor placement for the county is being handled out of the Visalia office, with Al Webster the representative in this district.

This setup will continue until the state employment service officially takes over the first of the year.

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Future Farmers Show Livestock, Poultry at Fair

Future Farmers from this area who are showing at the Tulare Kings County fair, now in progress at Tulare, include in the beef cattle division: Charles Hatfield, Hereford; Charles Hafly, Angus; Dick Woodard, two Herefords; Donald Vossler, Angus and Robert Hudson, Hereford and Angus.

Showing dairy cattle are: Franklin Browning, two Jerseys; Jack Boesch, Holstein; Delwin Moench, Guernsey, Melvin Sousa, Holstein.

Exhibiting hogs are: Delwin Moench, 11 head of Hampshires; Franklin Browning, two Durocs; Walter Choate, Duroc gilt, Raymond Chappel, two Durocs; Howard Walker, Poland China gilt; Eddie Weaver, Poland China sow and Charles Cooper, fat barrow.

Entering sheep are: Albert Bakalian, range Suffolks, ewe and three lambs.

Showing poultry are: Raymond Chappel, three White Leghorn pullets; Virgil Snow, three White Leghorn pullets and Charles Hatfield, three White Leghorn Pullets.

Virgil Snow and Raymond Chappel have six pullets each entered in the egg laying contest.

HOMESTEADS OPEN IN ALASKA AREA

If you long for the old days when a man (or woman) could get land by merely settling on it, here is your opportunity to homestead in these modern days.

Some 2,750,000 acres of land along the Alaska highway, between the Canadian border and Fairbanks will be open in October for homesteading of five-acre plots, valuable principally for lumber and mineral.

Veterans get a preference, and full details will be coming along later.

COTTON WORKER SHORTAGE PREDICTED

Although from 10,000 to 12,000 workers are expected to be employed this season in harvesting of San Joaquin valley cotton, this is not believed to be enough according to Ralph Bunje, manager of the Agricultural Labor Bureau of the San Joaquin valley.

Studies to promote greater usage of non-fat dry milk solids are being conducted by the division of dairy industry, University of California.

Farmers Can Get Surplus Buildings

Farmers of this area can apply for surplus government biuldings through the Farm Labor office at 1110 East Main St. in Visalia where application forms are available.

In filing applications, farmers must be able to show a need for requested buildings and give information concerning size, future location and other facts.

Eligible applicants will be notified of building sales in their vicinity. All buildings will be sold for a low, fixed, cash price, with purchase to be completed at the sale site. Buildings must be removed by the purchaser, or his agent.

The housing transactions are being handled through the California department of finance, with a revolving fund of $500,000 set up to make purchases of surplus government buildings as they are declared available.

NO DISCRIMINATION FOR IRRIGATED COTTON

The Commodity Credit corporation will no longer discriminate against irrigated cotton in government purchases, it was announced this week.

As previously set up, irrigated cotton brought 60 cents a hundred less than rain-grown cotton, a carry-over from the time it was considered necessary to give the reduction to move stocks for lend-lease and UNRRA.

COUNTY BUILDING WORK STARTED

Ground was this week broken for Porterville's new county building, to be located on Second st. just south of Morton, with R. Hodgson and sons handling the contract.

When completed, the building will house the Porterville unit of the Tulare county department of health, the constable and the justice of the peace.

Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson has announced a government program for the purchase of 61,000 tons of the 1947 raisin crop to help stabilize the grape and raisin industry. The purchase is part of a broader plan to buy 133,000 tons of dried fruit as a market stimulus.

Walnut limb wilt, leaf scorch, crown rot and black line are being investigated by the division of plant pathology, University of California.

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A TOUGH JOB, BUT IT NEEDS DOING

The newly-created Tulare County Rural Housing association, set up to handle operation of the Linnell and Woodville Labor Supply centers, has a tough job ahead, but it is a job that needs doing and a job that can be done if farmers will cooperate in the effort.

Next week the new association takes over, and facing it is the big problem of putting the camps on a paying basis — something that the federal government did not do throughout the entire period that it handled camp operation.

Only source of income at present is from rent of buildings in the camp, consequently, a revision of rents upward is certain. It is possible, that state or county aid might be secured in the future, but as of right now, the entire problem is in the hands of farmers as represented by the housing association.

It is the announced intention of association board members to take over the camps and continue their operation with as little change as possible. During the past several days board members and camp residents have been meeting in an effort to set up initial policies that will be satisfactory to all persons concerned.

The problem of whether or not the camps are to continue to operate was brought to a head a few weeks ago when congressional appropriation committees failed to make funds available for continuation of the camps and an eviction notice was posted by the Labor Branch, Production and Marketing Administration, United States Department of Agriculture, the notice being effective September 30.

Believing that closing of the camps at this time would not be in the best interest of local agriculture, a group of county farmers got together, hurridly, drew up plans that resulted in formation of a non-profit cooperative known as the Tulare County Rural Housing association and took action necessary to accept the camps from the federal government under a revocable use permit.

Next Monday the association will accept responsibility for the two camps. And a great responsibility it will be. But certainly it would be unwise to allow these camps to close and those men who are giving their time and efforts toward setting up a satisfactory administration are to be commended, and their action deserves the support of all farmers in this community.

THE OLD DAYS

From The Files Of The PORTERVILLE ENTERPRISE

Courtesy of Aubrey M. Lumley and Son Insurance

September 14, 1900

There was quite a crowd at the race track Sunday afternoon to witness the half-mile and repeat trotting race between horses entered by Dave Moshier (owned by John Guinn) Henry Conner, (owned by Eugene Rand and Charles Worthington (owner.)

The Rand horse, driven by Conner, won two consecutive heats and thereby the race. Judges were J. W. Hewey, Mart Click and Joe Depoister and Dr. S. A. Barber was timekeeper.

C. C. Harker, president of the Western Carbonic Acid Gas Co. and owner of the magnesite property east of Porterville, was in town Monday accompanied by Jos. Scheerer, who came for the purpose of selecting a locality to put in a furnace for roasting the raw rock.

Mr. Harker has purchased 240 acres of land adjoining his mining property from Joe Kesterson on which are some springs and it was for this convenience that he mainly bought the property.

Porterville should have an opera house. Why not get together and make arrangements to erect one? The coming winter will be pretty dull without any visits from theatrical companies.

H. F. Brey went to San Francisco for a few days last Sunday.

Mrs. A, D. Carpenter, Mrs H. D. McArthur, Miss Ora Rhodes, F. A. Doty and son, J. Flood and Son and R. Bradley were among those who were on the Flyer, Saturday, en route to San Francisco.

Frank Morehead, the cutter in H. O. Smith's butcher shop, left for San Francisco last week and Felix Levy is filling the position

J. E. Shuey gave some friends a Belgian hare supper Sunday evening at Moshiers' chop house.

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Capacity crowds are being reported from the twenty-sixth annual Tulare Kings County fair, which is in full swing this week at the Tulare fair grounds. The varied fair program will continue through Sunday, September 21.

Local communities showing booths include, Woodville and Strathmore, Terra Bella, Poplar and Porterville, in addition to Dinuba, Exeter, Lindsay, Visalia, Tulare, Corcoran and Hanford.

DISPLAYS VARIED

Motto used by Woodville is "The Heart of Tulare County," and the booth uses a miniature dome effect to display a great variety of fruits and vegetables. Strathmore's booth features potatoes, with an old-fashioned well as a center piece. The Poplar booth uses a mountain background and features a display of grapes.

"Porterville Feeds The World" is the theme of the Porterville booth, with a display of farm produce, a mountan lake and a back drop of a colorful map of the world making up the exhibit.

Terra Bella booth has as its theme, "Earth Beautiful," and features a foothill backdrop, individual displays and booth displays of oranges, grapefruit and lemons. Also featured is the Southern Tulare Olive Marketing association.

STOCK SHOWN

In addition to the community booths, a number of local stock breeders have entered the various livestock divisions, and Future Farmers and 4-H members from throughout this community are showing livestock and poultry in the junior division of the fair.

The fair will continue through the week-end, closing its six-day run Sunday evening. Reports from Tulare indicate that this fair is perhaps the best organized, fullest and most entertaining of any held in the twenty-six year history of the event.

Local 4-H and Future Farmers Auction Fine Stock Tomorrow

(Continued from page 1)

Farmer leaders will assist with the sale and it is expected that premium prices will be paid for beef cattle and hogs.

Animals auctioned will be in prime condition, since they have been fed and groomed for fair competition for several months. Buyers and individuals not only from Tulare and Kings county, but from the entire San Joaquin valley have signified intentions of attending the sale.

It is probable that more than 50 head of fat steers and 60 head of hogs will be offered at the auction.

COTTON GINS START SEASON AT WOODVILLE

(Continued from page 1)

year. Market outlook at the present time is good.

At the Tule River Cooperative Gin Inc., newly installed equipment that doubles the capacity of the gin is being placed in operation.

California land values are now at an all-time high, according to J. F. Axtell, of the Agricultural Extension service, who states that values are now 45 per cent higher than the peak reached after World War 1.

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